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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Conference at Federal Bureau of Investigation,
18 July 1946

1. There follows a summary of the subjects and agreements covered in a conversation held this date by representatives of the CIG and the FBI on the subject of the transfer of responsibility for intelligence coverage in Latin America. CIG was represented by Colonel Galloway, [redacted] and [redacted]. FBI representatives present were Mr. Tamm, Mr. Ladd, and his Assistant.

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2. The general problem and the points of view of the two agencies concerned were discussed by all representatives. The CIG expressed the following estimate of the situation:

a. That CIG was desirous of taking over the intelligence coverage in Latin America at the earliest possible date; that beginning from scratch it would take a reasonable length of time to recruit, train and introduce competent personnel and proper facilities; that the job would be made much easier if CIG were able to capitalize on the accomplishments and assets of the FBI and could count on the cooperation and assistance of FBI in taking over and carrying on the work now in progress. It was felt by CIG that the transfer of responsibility should be a coordinated undertaking in order to avoid lapses in operations and to assure continuity in intelligence production. In order to implement such a coordinated plan the operational desks of CIG and FBI would necessarily work closely together. Colonel Galloway expressed some apprehension at the withdrawal of FBI personnel without consultation and agreement by CIG, and requested that the withdrawal of personnel from [redacted]

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[redacted] in thirty days be reconsidered. It was agreed that this request would be conveyed to the Director, FBI. CIG representatives stressed the point that it was to the common advantage of both agencies to transfer to CIG all its assets that could be transferred on the ground. (See attached memo). To this proposition the FBI agreed but stated that few if any representatives of FBI could be spared by the Bureau and in the event of a transfer of radio equipment, FBI would so far as possible receive a comparable amount of such material in the United States for their own activities.

3. Mr. Tamm expressed several times the general attitude of the Director of the FBI, Mr. Hoover. He stated Mr. Hoover felt that if the FBI were to get out of Latin America it should get out as quickly and as expeditiously as possible. This point of view was appreciated by the representatives of CIG who insisted, however, that FBI coordinate its withdrawal with the CIG entrance so that continuity might be preserved. Mr. Tamm agreed that FBI should not withdraw from a given area without consultation and agreement by CIG.

4. The conference resulted in the following arrangements. The FBI will appoint a working committee which will meet with a working committee designated by CIG. This joint committee will determine the FBI assets in Latin America and what part of them may be transferred to the CIG, the desires and plans of FBI covering the withdrawal of their personnel and facilities. Based upon the work of these two committees the Operations Branch will draw up a detailed plan for taking over the secret intelligence coverage in Latin America. After the approval of this plan by the Director of CIG, it will then be submitted to the Director of FBI for his information and consideration. After agreement by the two agencies this plan will be the guide for a coordinated transfer of responsibility from FBI to CIG.

DONALD H. GALLOWAY
Colonel, U.S. Army
Assistant Director - Special Operations

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: ASSUMPTION OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA

In compliance with the instructions of the National Intelligence Authority as requested by the Department of State, a brief report on the negotiations and plans for the assumption of intelligence functions in Latin America by personnel of the Central Intelligence Group is herewith submitted.

Several communications on this subject have been exchanged by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director of the Central Intelligence Group, and commencing 18 July 1946 representatives of both organizations have conducted conferences resulting in the following:

1. The FBI has furnished a general outline of existing coverage in Latin America, including the number of personnel and the capacities and titles under which assigned.

2. The FBI has agreed:

- a. That FBI personnel in each field station will turn over to representatives of CIG copies of all pertinent reports of investigation current and closed. Specific reports in the Washington office of FBI will be made available whenever it is considered necessary.

- b. That all motor vehicles, office and technical equipment, except cameras and certain photographic materiel, now held in field stations will be transferred to CIG on the withdrawal of FBI.

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c. That all radio equipment and communications in field stations will be preserved and transferred from FBI to CIG.

3. CIG has requested that FBI personnel remain at each field station for an adequate period, to be mutually agreed upon, after the arrival of CIG representatives in order that the new organization can profit by the Bureau's experience in each country and continuity of operation may be assured.

25X1 4. a. The FBI has expressed its inability to comply with a request to maintain its personnel in the [redacted] after August 16, 1946.

25X1A b. By withdrawing an operative from a European post, the CIG has been able to submit to the State Department the name of a representative to be assigned immediately to [redacted] He is awaiting only the necessary State Department designation and clearances prior to his departure.

c. It will be impossible for CIG to take over the coverage and responsibility in any other country in Latin America prior to the dates indicated in attached schedule (Inclosure A).

5. a. The attached tentative schedule (Inclosure A) indicates the dates by which CIG is prepared to assume intelligence responsibility in the various countries of Latin America. This is based on a realistic consideration of the time needed to enlarge the CIG organization and to brief and train personnel for service in this area.

b. This tentative plan was verbally approved by representatives of the State Department 6 August

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1946 and will this date be submitted to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his consideration.

6. a. CIG has been informed that due to personnel shortage within the FBI, none of the agents or administrative personnel now assigned to field stations in Latin America can be made available for employment by CIG.

b. FBI has been advised that CIG will not extend any offers of employment to any individual members of the FBI organization, but will employ any capable and desirable individual who has terminated his FBI connections.

In all negotiations and conferences, the representatives of FBI have exhibited an attitude of full cooperation and helpfulness.

For the Director of Central Intelligence:



DONALD H. GALLOWAY
Acting Assistant Director
Special Operations

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Colonel Galloway:

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from: "I hereby direct that this be done
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Honorable Tom C. Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Pursuant to authority contained in the President's directive of 22 January 1946, the National Intelligence Authority has directed the Central Intelligence Group to assume, by June 30, 1947, the intelligence coverage in Latin America that is now performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Director of Central Intelligence, by letter dated 3 July 1946, concurred in the offer of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to withdraw from Latin America provided Mr. Hoover was willing to postpone withdrawal until the Central Intelligence Group is adequately organized and staffed to arrange an orderly transfer with a minimum of interruption.

However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has notified the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Group that its representatives will be withdrawn from the [redacted] by August 16, 1947. The Department of State has also received intimations that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is preparing to withdraw its representatives from other Latin American countries prior to the time that the Central Intelligence Group will be able to replace them.

The attached tentative schedule indicating the dates by which the Central Intelligence Group is prepared to assume intelligence responsibility in the various countries of Latin America has today been furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be instructed to retain its present personnel in the Latin American countries to which presently assigned until the Central Intelligence Group is able to assume responsibility. After the arrival of the representatives of the Central Intelligence Group, the Federal Bureau of Investigation staff must remain for an adequate period in order that the new organization can profit by the Bureau's experience in each country and in order that continuity of operation may be assured.

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25X1A The Department of State is at present processing the papers of a C.I.G. representative who is now available to replace the F.B.I. man in [redacted]. In all other instances, it is imperative that no withdrawals be made until the C.I.G. has an opportunity to satisfactorily install their personnel.

We are certain that you appreciate the wisdom of this course of action and feel certain that it meets with the desire of the President of the United States.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

"SIGNED"

Acting Secretary of State

"SIGNED"

Secretary of War

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Secretary of the Navy

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Personal Representative
of the President

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JAMES S. LAY, JR.
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